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## ARCEC Annual Christmas Party

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The Amateur Radio Club of EL Cajon celebrated Christmas at our December meeting. A pot luck dinner and a drawing for prizes was held making for an enjoyable evening. The club proved ham, soft drinks, and coffee. The members provided a whole table full of wonderful offerings to make for a truly great Christmas dinner.

Homebrew contest winners were presented with certificates George Fish for his homebrew amplifier project. Pat Bunsold for his Frog Sounds QRP kit with modifications. Sue Robins for her rebuilt and updated HL-2200 linear amplifier.

The drawing was for several small prizes and one grand prize, a Yaesu FT-8900R quad band mobile radio. Pat's grandson drew tickets from the bag for all the prizes. At the end of the drawings for the small prizes all the drawn tickets were added to the bag and the tickets stirred. The grand prize went to our newest member, Jason Dupre, AB9OX wrapping up a wonderful evening. Merry Christmas Everyone!





## Elections, Ham of the Year, and Other Stuff

This Year the board was unopposed, and with no nominations except for one person for Ham of the Year there was no need to hold elections. Several nominations for our current social chair Louis Mobley KM6ENA were submitted to the board, making his nomination unanimous, Louis will receive his plaque at the January meeting.

The next items are in regard to the board itself. Our Vice President Peter Krause and our webmaster have upon board approval changed positions. Peter's plate is rather full and Paul Thompson has stepped up to exchange positions with peter. Paul will become Vice President effective January 2018.

We still have openings on the board, anybody who is interested is encouraged to join us in shaping the future of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. Those positions need to be filled

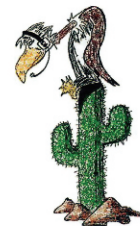
## 2018 Southwestern Division Convention

### Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 16 & 17, 2018

Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona



[www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org)

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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**Vendors & Exhibitors**  
**Consignment Sales**  
**License Testing**  
**Hourly Door Prizes**  
**On-site RV Camping**  
**Hamfest Dinner**  
**ARRL Speakers**  
**Transmitter Hunt**  
**\$5.00 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)**  
**Full Seminar Schedule**  
**DXCC Card Checking**  
**\$25,000 in Grand Prizes**  
**Emergency Preparedness**  
**Admission Prizes**  
**Hospitality Area**  
**Near Space Balloon Launch**  
**Antenna Clinic & T-hunt**

**W1AW /7 Special Event Station**

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.780 (-) PL 103.5 Hz

Email Contact: [info@yumahamfest.org](mailto:info@yumahamfest.org)



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

## Happy Ending

Those of you who saw the Heathkit HL-2200 at the homebrew contest know the project was not complete. I still had some work to do on the amplifier's input circuit and a few minor items such as new hardware for the cover and the like. The amplifier was finished last week and will be going to it's new home later in the month. This has been a fun and rewarding project, what is coming next will be a whole lot of fun. \*\*\*\*\*



## Donut Net

Monday nights after dinner the Donut Net can be found on the ARCEC VHF repeater. Axel KI6RRN hosts a fun filled net with trivia questions and other activities. The net is a great place to spend that after dinner and before prime TV time. Come and join Axel for fun and fellowship with your fellow hams every Monday at 7:00 PM.

## ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHz Repeater	440 MHz Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2

## Next Month's Meeting

### Radio Gear Auction!

## Club Shirts & Jackets

We have green, pocketed 2013 Field Day club shirts available in sizes S (2), M (1), and L (8) for \$10 each. Our standard Club Shirts have no pocket and are in sizes M (10), L (4), 2XL (7), 3XL (4), 4XL (5) for \$10 each. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

Lined Windbreaker Jackets are also available in sizes L (1) and XL (7) for \$24 each. These have side pockets with snap closure.

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## Support Our Local Businesses



## Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

### Dell Awards

7949 Broadway

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

(619) 469-2100

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm

Sat 10am-1pm

Sun - Closed

## Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.








### New Battery Supply & Battery Recycling for SD

New Marine Battery-Heavy Equipment Battery-Tuck/Auto

**619Battery.com**

Shop 619-448-5323  
Mobile 619-315-5604 Call/Text

1985 Friendship Dr B  
El Cajon 92020

**Jeff Schwen**

## Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See <http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.







The **AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON**<sup>Inc.</sup>  
**WA6BGS**

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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:    Individual (\$20/year)    Family\* (\$35/year)

Membership Status:    New    Renewal    Returning Member

Call Sign    First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member:    Yes    No

License Class:    Technician    General    Extra    Other

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

**Submitting this form:**

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
P.O. Box 50  
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

**Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.**

**Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.**

**YOUR DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE: Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc. Is a 501 C 7 Corporation. Donations are NOT tax deductible.**

**Email address and phone number are to allow club officers to contact members regarding club business and information of interest.**